



Pledge signed for Service Culture Initiative

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Col. Stephen Dawson, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, and Command Sgt. Maj. Lisa Piette-Edwards, senior enlisted adviser, signed a pledge on Friday, promising to foster a workplace culture that values its employees.

They were joined at the ceremony, held during the annual Garrison Organization Celebration, by Sally Pfenning, deputy garrison commander, who attended via a live video stream from Germany.

The signing of the Leadership Pledge was part of USAG-HI's effort to promote Installation Management Command's new Service Culture Initiative, which is designed to encourage a professional, positive work environment and an excellent customer service experience.

"It's very important that we deliver amazing experiences for each customer – service members, families, retirees – who comes in contact with any service we deliver here at USAG-HI," Dawson said. "We're also customers to each other,

so we have to take care of each other, we have to give folks a better onboarding experience, we have to invest in leadership development training, and when people do great things we want to make sure we publicly recognize their excellence," he added.

The Service Culture Initiative stems from IMCOM's belief that quality service starts at the top, with the Army's leaders, who in turn set the tone for employees and customers.

"The key focus behind the higher Service Culture Initiative is an understanding that taking care of our customers is a direct result of taking care of our people," Pfenning said. "So my focus is going to be on finding ways on how we can better take care of our folks."

In addition to having the USAG-HI command team sign the Leadership Pledge, Dawson said he wants to have all of the leaders within USAG-HI sign the pledge, and he will attend as many of the signings as possible.

After the signing of the Leadership Pledges, USAG-HI employees will then sign a Pledge to Our Customers, committing

themselves to delivering quality service, building strong relationships and providing professional facilities.

"Anyone who has ever been to Disneyland knows that they have mastered the art of creating an amazing customer experience there, making everyone feel like they are the number one Disney customer," Dawson said. "I want everyone, whether they are active-duty, retirees or family, to receive the Disneyland customer experience when they come into contact with the garrison."

"I want to take the service culture beyond the garrison," he added. "I want to inspire other organizations across U.S. Army Hawaii to join this initiative because regardless of whether you are at the dental clinic, the commissary, the Exchange, this is the type of service experience that we should be trying to create everywhere."

Leadership Pledge
Taking care of our customers begins with taking care of our most valuable assets – our IMCOM professionals.

We pledge to position you for success with the following:

- An impactful on-boarding and orientation experience to welcome you to the IMCOM team.
- Clear performance standards, to include standards for service excellence.
- An Individual Development Plan, or IDP, developed with your supervisor, reviewed during periodic counseling.

- Opportunities for personal growth and professional development.
- A recognition program to reward service and performance excellence.
- Engaged leaders who seek and welcome your input and take action to continuously improve the organization.
- An organization that embraces the concept of team, teamwork and empowerment.
- A promise to hold ourselves and each other accountable.





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Trump pleased w/results of first trip

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WASHINGTON — President Donald J. Trump told service members, May 27, at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, that they are the greatest force for peace and justice the world has ever seen.

The president spoke to service members and their families at the end of his first overseas trip as president, and he detailed the trip to them.

“Our travels took us to some of the holiest sites in the three Abrahamic religions, and to gatherings of both America’s oldest and newest friends,” he said. “We traveled the world to strengthen longstanding alliances, and to form a new partnership among nations devoted to the task of eradicating the terrorism that plagues our planet.”

Trump said he is more confident than ever that the will exists for nations to work together against the terrorists that launched recent attacks in Manchester, England, and in Egypt.

“Together, civilized nations will crush the terrorists, block their funding, strip them of their territory and drive them out of this Earth,” he told the service members.

A busy first trip

Trump’s first stop on the trip was in Saudi Arabia, where he spoke at a summit of the leaders of more than 50 Muslim and Arab nations.



Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Samuel Guerra

President Donald J. Trump speaks to U.S. service members and their families at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, May 27. Trump traveled to Sicily to attend the G7 Summit and meet with world leaders.

His second stop was in Israel and Palestine, where he met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Trump said he believes both men sincerely want peace in the troubled area.

The president then stopped in Rome and met with Pope Francis.

“It was truly an honor to meet the Pope and to pray for peace on those hallowed grounds,” he said.

He then moved on to Brussels for a NATO summit. He said he got a commitment from allies to increase their defense spending,

and the alliance itself committed to joining the coalition against terror.

Finally, he attended the G-7 Summit in Taormina, Italy.

“I called for much greater security and cooperation on matters of both terrorism (and) immigration migration ... to protect our citizens,” he said.

A pledge of cooperation, security

The president believes he has “paved the way for a new era of cooperation among the nations of

the world to defeat the common enemy of terrorism and provide our children with a much more hopeful future.”

And American service members provide much of the security and strength that will be needed against the terrorists.

“I want you to know that you have a commander in chief who will never, ever forget,” he said. “Never, ever.”

“My pledge to you is that we will always protect those who protect us,” he continued.

“You are protecting us, and we will always remember that, and we will always, always protect you.”

The military is a good example for rest of nation

JIM GARAMONE

DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said his recent presence at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York, is an example of how Americans can help bridge political gaps.

Mattis told CBS reporter John Dickerson, May 28, on “Face the Nation,” that the 900-plus new Army officers who commissioned there this week come from all over the United States and probably represent every aspect of American life.

“These people come together with an enthusiasm for protecting this experiment in democracy that we call America,” he said. “And it takes people, I believe, with a fundamental respect for one another, with a fundamental friendliness toward one another, that I worry is starting to slip away in our country.”

Within the military, there is still that fundamental friendliness, the secretary said.

“It’s a diverse force; it’s a force that can work together under the worst conditions,” he said. “I just



Army photo by Staff Sgt. Vito T. Bryant

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis enters Michie Stadium before delivering the commencement address at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, May 27.

hope we can find our way back to engaging with one another, arguing strongly with one another, and then going down and having a root beer together or something, and having a good laugh about it as we work together for the best interests of the next generation of Americans who are going to inherit this country.”

A “humbling” life of service

Mattis enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1969 and was commissioned in 1972.

He retired from the Marine Corps as a four-star general in 2013.

President Donald J. Trump nominated him to be defense secretary, and he took office on Jan. 20.

USMA creates forces that are best when times are worst

CHERYL PELLERIN

DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis spoke May 27 at the U.S. Military Academy graduation and commissioning, telling the West Point graduating class of 2017 that it was a great honor to be present at one of the nation’s foundational keystones.

Nearly 1,200 students were admitted to the USMA class of 2017, according to the class profile. Of the total, 1,002 cadets were men, 188 women.

In his remarks, Mattis conveyed the respects of President Donald J. Trump, and those of the American people.

“By the time this class was in first-grade classrooms in every state across our union,” he said,

“our country had been thrust into a war by maniacs who thought that by hurting us they could scare us. Well, we don’t scare, and nothing better represents America’s awesome determination to defend herself than this graduating class.”

American Soldiers

Every cadet in the audience could have opted out of attendance at USMA, he added.

“You’d grown up seeing the war on ‘round-the-clock news. There was no draft. Colleges across this land would have moved heaven and earth to recruit you for schools that would never make such demands on you as West Point ... creating American Soldiers who are at

their very best when times are at their very worst,” Mattis said.

The cadets are graduating in the same week that terrorists took 22 innocent young lives, he said, and the tragic loss in Manchester, England, underscores the purpose of their years of study and training at West Point.

“We must never permit murderers to define our time or warp our sense of the normal. This is not normal, and each of you cadets graduating today are reinforcing our ranks, bringing fresh vigor,” the secretary said, “renewing our sense of urgency and enhancing the Army’s lethality needed to prove our enemies wrong – dead wrong.”

The class of 2017 now joins the ranks of an Army at war, he

added, taking the place they have earned in an unbroken line of patriots.

“After four years at West Point,” Mattis said, “you understand what it means to live up to an oath. You understand the commitment that comes with signing a blank check to the American people, payable with your life.”

Hold the line

Those in the Defense Department recognize that there are many passions running about in this country, as there ought to be in a vibrant republic, Mattis said.

“But for those privileged to wear the cloth of our nation,

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Voices of Ohana



“You definitely want to care for your formation. You also need passion and drive to see through whatever mission needs to be done.”

Spc. Nathanael Dye
Fund technician
Integrated Religious Support Team
USAG-HI



“Honesty, not corrupt.”

Roda Gervacio
Site leader
CYSS
DFMWR



“Being a team player, being able to work with everybody, being a good communicator.”

Kimberly Harris
Assistant
CYSS
DFMWR



“Being able to wake up every morning with the right mindset, right attitude, (wearing the) right uniform, to be able to present yourself well in front of people, and caring.”

Sgt. Bonaparte Wery
BOSS president
USAG-HI



“Knowing your Soldiers, knowing your subordinates, understanding their needs and giving 100 percent to meet those needs. Everything else will fall into place.”

Master Sgt. James Williams Jr.
Military police officer
DES, USAG-HI

Because June 11 commemorates Kamehameha the Great, the leader who united the islands as the Kingdom of Hawaii, we wondered,

What are some characteristics of good leadership?

By Kristen Wong, Oahu Publications

Hurricane season underway

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WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — Hawaii’s hurricane season officially began on Thursday, and U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii officials are urging the community to be prepared.

Plan ahead

“The main thing we want to stress is making sure families are prepared, they have their emergency kits and they have a family plan in case of an emergency,” said Francis Smith, emergency management CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiation, nuclear and high-yield explosives) officer for USAG-HI’s Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

“Even though we’re always being reminded to have an emergency kit ready, I would bet that more than 50 percent of people out there probably don’t have one,” Smith continued. “But you should have a kit with seven days worth of supplies – food, water, medicine, etc.

“The reason for this is that Hawaii is so far from the mainland; we estimate it could take a week for supplies to reach us from the mainland if airports and (sea)ports were damaged (by a hurricane).”

He pointed out that having a kit ready ahead of time cuts down on last-minute supply runs to

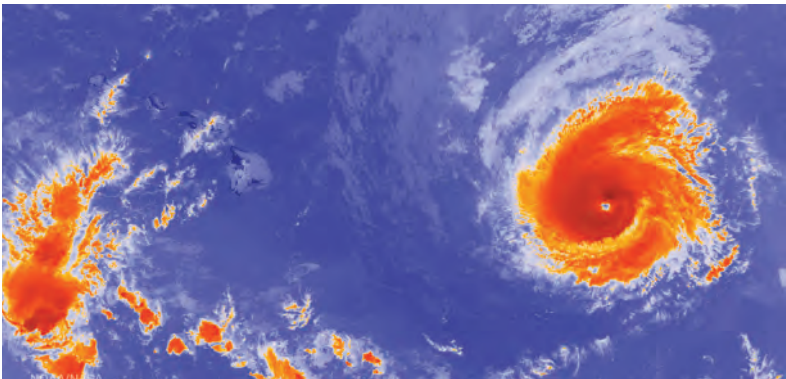


Image courtesy of NOAA

NOAA predicts a 70 percent chance of five to eight tropical cyclones developing in the Central Pacific Region during the 2017 hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30.

crowded stores that may no longer have what families need in stock.

2017 forecast

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s outlook for the 2017 season, which wraps up on Nov. 30, predicts a 70 percent chance of five to eight tropical cyclones.

Tropical depressions, storms and hurricanes are all considered tropical cyclones. An average hurricane season produces between four and five tropical cyclones, according to NOAA.

NOAA officials emphasized that the outlook is a general guide to the hurricane season and not an attempt to predict whether, or how many, hurricanes will impact

Hawaii this season.

“This outlook reflects the possible transition to a weak El Nino during the hurricane season, along with near- or above-average ocean temperatures in the main hurricane formation region, and near- or weaker-than-average vertical wind shear in that area,” said Gerry Bell, Ph.D., NOAA’s lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at the Climate Prediction Center. “If El Nino develops, it may become strong enough to produce an above-normal season.”

El Nino decreases the vertical wind shear over the tropical central Pacific, which favors the development of more and stronger

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All Hazards exercise begins Wednesday

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WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii will be conducting an All Hazards Full-Scale Exercise (AHFSE) on June 7-8.

The AHFSE will involve the following specific incidents to test first responders and the Emergency Operations Center in real-world emergency situations:

- June 7** – A Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device and an Active Shooter/Hostage Situation at Fort Shafter Flats.

There will be a short closure of Fort Shafter and Fort Shafter Flats access control gates followed by a temporary increase in FPCON measures at Fort Shafter and Fort Shafter Flats.

A Hazardous Chemical release will also occur at Area X Schofield Barracks.

- June 8** – Mass casualties from hurricane winds/debris. There will be displaced personnel whose homes are damaged by hurricane winds at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter.

Casualties will be triaged and transported to the nearest medical facility using MEDEVAC helicopters, ambulances and litter buses.

Family Assistance Centers and shelters will also be established at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter. Residents are advised that there will be temporary traffic delays and there will be Military Police vehicles, fire engines, litter buses and ambulances on the roadways at Area X/Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter/Fort Shafter Flats areas.

We ask for everyone’s patience, understanding and cooperation. Don’t be alarmed; this is only an exercise.

Sustainers receive Excellence in Federal Government

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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM — The Excellence in Federal Government Awards Program is designed to honor service members and federal employees for their leadership in the military and their communities.

Maj. Joaquin M. Meno, the chief of officer management branch for U.S. Army-Pacific, and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Courtney V. Tyus, the future operations mobility officer with 8th Theater Sustainment Command, recently received the award during the 61st Annual Excellence in Federal Government Awards, May 5, at the Officer’s Club, here.

Meno was awarded for Team Excellence when he worked in the 8th TSC’s Commander’s Initiative Group (CIG), while Tyus was awarded for Exceptional Community Service.

Meno received his award for planning, developing and executing the Young Alaka’i Leadership Development Program, which helped train and educate 30 junior leaders, exposing them to critical thinking and strategic level discussions with institutions of higher learning and regional, national and international or-



Courtesy photo

Maj. Joaquin M. Meno, chief, officer management branch, USARPAC, and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Courtney V. Tyus, future operations mobility officer, 8th TSC, are awarded the Excellence in Federal Government Award, May 5.

ganizations.

While working with YALDP, Meno assisted with three iterations of educa-

span of three weeks.

“It’s great to know that the whole team received the recognition because it was the collaboration amongst all involved that made it a success,” Meno said.

Tyus received his award for accumulating more than 400 hours of volunteer work for the Life Work Baptist Fellowship Group in Vicenza, Italy, improving the quality of life for 58 personnel and four families with food, blankets, clothing and life counseling.

Tyus also started the “Feed the Hungry” program, organizing volunteers to help feed more than 680 personnel in 2016, and he also performed duties as community outreach, shift manager, food preparation, serving line worker, clothing turn-in and clothing washer for his organization.

Meno said that future recipients of the award should give their best in any task or team project they are assigned and should always remain humble.

“I want to thank all the people that have ever worked in the 8th TSC CIG from the beginning until the end,” Meno said. “I learned so much from everyone, and more importantly, I learned some valuable ways to create things from scratch and see them through.”

Culinary team wins Dept. of the Army Philip A. Connelly Award

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WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — A team of culinary troops from 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, took home the Department of the Army’s 49th annual Philip A. Connelly Award in the category of Active Duty Field Kitchen Feeding during the 2017 Military Food Service Awards Dinner in Chicago, Friday (May 26th).

The Philip A. Connelly Award Program annually recognizes a team of culinary specialists for their excellence across all Army food service platforms, to include garrison and field environments.

“This award is indicative of the exceptional troops and leadership we have in 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment. Their culinary specialists continuously set the standard in outstanding food service and support of the mission and troops of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade,” said Col. Kenneth D. Chase, commander, 25th CAB.

The team was comprised of 10 members: Sgt. 1st Class Demarcus Tarver, culinary management noncommissioned officer; Staff Sgt. Justin Moore, shift leader; Sgt. Elizabeth Blauvelt, administration NCO; Sgt. Kimmono West, first cook; Spc. Tarelle Jackson; Spc. Christinia See; Spc. Eric Gonzalez; Spc. Rodney Masline; Spc. Ryan Salazar; and Pvt. Nykeria Hogan.

“This was the largest group of talented individuals I (have) had the pleasure of competing with,” said Moore. “I was able to give this team direction and step back as their ingenuity and talent took over.”

The team’s competition started Oct. 14 at the division level and spanned almost seven months until the Department of



Photo by Sgt Ian D. Morales, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

Spc. Christinia See, a cook with the 2nd Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt. Field Kitchen team, prepares food during the Dept. of the Army level inspection of the Philip A. Connelly competition, Jan. 18.

the Army announced the winners, May 5.

“The hardest part of the competition was the length of the program,” said Moore. “The team understood the obligation required and stepped up. Many of them, including myself, sacrificed personal time trying to ensure we met our overarching goal.”

The Department of the Army’s culinary representatives came to Wheeler, Jan. 18, to judge the team’s field containerized kitchen and field feeding. The judges graded a wide variety of categories, to include doctrine knowledge, sani-



Photo by Capt. Steven J. Guevara, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

Seven members of the 2nd Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt. Field Kitchen team pose for a photo with the 1st place trophy for Active Duty Field Kitchen Feeding at an award dinner in Chicago.

tation, field preparation and presentation of food, to list a few.

“After the team’s first division level competition, we solidified and came together,” said West. “We knew what was expected, and we just continued to execute, train and learn from every level of competition until everything became second nature to us.”

The team was the first scheduled to be judged by the Department of the Army.

“We knew we had to set the bar for all the other competitors to beat,” said Moore. “I knew it would be difficult, but I knew the team was more than capable of stepping up to the challenge.”

The team was recognized for their ef-

forts in front of hundreds of their fellow culinary peers during the Military Food Service Awards Dinner in Chicago.

“This team far exceeded the standard by preparing complex meals with a culinary twist, setting up a field site for the ages and flawless execution of team work,” said Master Sgt. David Hall, the culinary senior NCO for the 25th CAB.

More Details

For more information on the Philip A. Connelly Program, visit www.quartermaster.army.mil/jccoe/programs/connelly/connelly_program.html.

2IBCT tests mettle in multinational partnership

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DARWIN, Australia — Australia’s “Outback” is home to some of the world’s most exotic and dangerous animals, and its desolate plains – coupled with scorching heat – offer a challenge of a lifetime to the most physically fit and mentally tough Soldier.

From May 18-June 2, Soldiers assigned to B Company, “Bulls,” 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, tested their mettle in the Outback, participating in exercise Southern Jackaroo 2017, or SJ, an annual, trilateral military training exercise sponsored by Australia Defense Force with participation of elements of the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force and U.S. Marine Rotational Force-Darwin.

SJ 2017 is one of many annual multinational military training exercises aimed at enhancing professional partnerships, operational readiness and interoperability between U.S. Pacific Command and al-



MOUNT BUNDEY TRAINING AREA, Australia — A Soldier (left) assigned , of B Co., 1-21st Inf. Bn., 2nd IBCT, 25th ID, converses in a friendly exchange with two Soldiers assigned to the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force following a training event at Southern Jackaroo 2017, May 24.

Photo by Sgt. Alvin Reeves

lied partners within the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean Rim regions.

“Exercise Southern Jackaroo is all about improving that critical defense collateral relationship between the defense forces of the U.S., Japan and Australia,” said the commander of 1st Bde., Australian Army, Brigadier Ben James. “Train hard and fight

easy – that’s what we are doing out here at Mount Bunday Training Area. Soldiers from all three nations are learning tough lessons about surviving in the field and how best to work alongside each other. It’s been a great exercise.”

“Southern Jackaroo offers an opportunity for our Soldiers to gain a

deeper understanding of how we fit into the Pacific area of operation,” said Lt. Col. James Hart, commander of 1-21st Inf. Bn. “It also provides an understanding of the capabilities that our Australian, Japanese and Marine partners (U.S.) bring to the fight: how to operate in a joint environment.”

SJ originally started in 2013 as a combined marksmanship event following the Australian Army Skills at Arms Meeting, a shooting event that involves over 12 nations.

In 2015, SJ evolved into a field training and live-fire exercise with the Australian Army’s Ready Bde. hosting the event.

This year’s exercise was hosted by the Australian Army’s 1st Bde. and included an emphasis on live fire at the platoon level and company level within a Battle Group construct.

“It was very rewarding to see leaders at all levels coordinating directly and effectively with their peers of a different nationality in tactical situations, and to see Soldiers of all ranks gravitating to each other during down periods to learn more and develop as a team,” said Capt. John Voss, commander for B Co., 1-21st Inf. Bn.

SJ 2017 incorporated blank and live-fire scenarios, dismounted and mounted offensive actions, sniper/marksmanship training and defensive operations.

Training for this year’s exercise occurred at the Mount Bunday Training Area in Australia’s Northern Territory, which proved to be a unique and highly physically demanding training environment for the Soldiers of B Co.

“The outback is uniquely demanding. In order to maintain the effectiveness of the individual Soldier over time, we learned how to plan operations to minimize the physical burden during the hottest part of the day and incorporate water sustainment in every aspect of the mission,” said Voss.

(To read the full story, please visit our website at www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com/2017/06/01/2ibct-tests-mettle-strengthens-multinational-military-partnerships-in-outback/.)



MOUNT BUNDEY TRAINING AREA, Australia — The harsh “Outback” environment of northern Australian proves no match to Soldiers from B Co., “Bulls,” 1-21st Inf. Bn., 2nd IBCT, 25th ID. The formation is moving to the platoon live-fire site at Southern Jackaroo 2017 on May 24.

‘Broncos’ support annual ‘Thanksgiving in May’

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WAHIAWA — Thanksgiving came early to the residents of central Oahu, here, as Soldiers and family members of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, “Broncos,” 25th Infantry Division, lent a hand for an annual event held by Surfing the Nations, on May 25.

Surfing the Nations, a local nonprofit based in Wahiawa, held the annual “Thanksgiving in May” event for the residents of Wahiawa and Whitmore Village.

“Today we’re partnering with Ruby Tuesday, and we’re going to put on an event to provide food,” said Lee McElroy, a volunteer with Surfing the Nations. “It’s something like a Thanksgiving halfway through the year for the community of Wahiawa.”

McElroy stated 15 volunteers from the Bronco family were helping to serve white and dark turkey meat, stuffing, mashed potatoes and corn to the nearly 200 attendees.

“I’m stoked that the military is partnering with us, and loving other people,” he said.

Cindy Bauer, executive of Surfing the Nations, thanked the Bronco volunteers

at the event and those who continually provided support for their weekly “Feeding the Hungry” food distribution.

Andrea Disque, spouse of Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Disque, senior enlisted adviser, 2nd Battalion, 35th Inf. Regiment, 3BCT, along with her daughters, joined in.

“We’re serving food and handing it out,” Disque said. “We all participated back in November for the same event. We are just helping out the local community. We usually come twice a month and try to do Feeding the Hungry while we distribute the food. This is a great opportunity to have a bigger part in a bigger event.”

Her daughter, Lillian, played the violin for the guests who enjoyed their festive meal.

For some of the patrons, it was a meal that brought tears because of the difficulty in their life at present.

Rebeca LeMaire, spouse of Maj. Al LeMaire assigned to 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., 3BCT, felt gratitude for those enjoying their bountiful meal.

“It feels great helping the community,” LeMaire said. “I brought my daughter with me to help volunteer. I enjoy it. I really like seeing people feel appreciative, especially the homeless.”

For those in direst need, this was truly a Thanksgiving in May.



Family members from the 3rd BCT, 25th ID, prepare meals for the annual Surfing the Nations “Thanksgiving in May” in Wahiawa, May 25. The Bronco families helped to serve over 200 meals to residents of central Oahu.



Chaplain (Maj.) Scott F. Kennaugh, brigade chaplain, 3rd BCT, 25th ID, speaks to a local during the annual Surfing the Nations “Thanksgiving in May” in Wahiawa, May 25. The Bronco family helped to serve over 200 meals to residents from central Oahu.

At left, 15 Soldiers and family members from the 3rd BCT, 25th ID, participate in the annual Surfing the Nations “Thanksgiving in May” in Wahiawa, on May 25. The Bronco family helped to serve over 200 meals to residents of central Oahu.



Car repossession can occur w/no payments

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Buying a car is a major financial decision. Americans bought a record 17.6 million new cars last year showing lenders are ready and willing to extend credit to buyers in the market.

The car buying process works like this. The buyer signs a contract to buy a new car. The dealer secures financing for the purchase unless the buyer is paying the full price of the car via cash, credit or check. The car sale and purchase agreement, once signed, is usually final; the buyer gets a car and the obligation to pay on a car loan, at the same time every month, until the car is paid off in full.



Courtesy photo

Is there a way to give a car back after it is purchased?

Yes. This is called voluntary repossession. There are a variety of reasons people return cars to the bank. The most common situation is where the buyer realizes the monthly payment is too high.

Sometimes, the buyer misses making monthly payments. If you fail to make timely payments on your car, the lender may try to recoup their financial loss by physically taking the vehicle in a process known as repossession. While repossession is often an involuntary procedure, there is also an alternative called voluntary repossession, or voluntary surrender.

Involuntary and voluntary repossessions

In a standard repossession, lenders send a repossession agent to collect the vehicle – and you never know when that will happen. The agent might get the vehicle from your home, your work or wherever you leave it parked. Repossession agents can follow you or they might use GPS to locate the vehicle.

If you’re not ready to hand over your car, this can be an anxiety-producing and inconvenient event. For example, what if they take your car when you’re far from home and you need to pick up your chil-

dren?

With a voluntary repossession, you eliminate the chaos and cost of dealing with the repo man. You simply inform your lender that you will not make payments going forward and that you want to surrender your car. You set a time and place, you bring the vehicle (as well as a ride home) and you turn over the keys.

A voluntary repossession affects your credit

Payments you may have missed leading up to your voluntary repossession will go on your credit report. The repossession itself will also go on your credit report.

Both pieces of negative data will remain on your credit report for seven years. Your credit score will take a hit, but the exact amount of damage depends on the other information on your credit report.

A voluntary repossession doesn’t cancel out your loan

Turning in your vehicle doesn’t let you off the hook for your auto loan. The lender will auction or sell your vehicle and apply the sales proceeds to your loan.

If the sale price is less than your loan balance, you’re still responsible for the

remaining balance; this is called the deficiency balance. For example, if you owe \$5,000 and the vehicle sells for \$3,500, you will still owe \$1,500.

You should make arrangements with the lender to pay the deficiency balance. If you do not, the lender may turn the debt over to debt collection, and the collector may place the debt on your credit report.

The lender may also sue you for the debt. If the lender wins a judgment, the lender may also get court permission to garnish your wages for the remaining balance.

Protections with involuntary repossession

Even though giving a car back to the bank, or voluntary repossession, does not relieve your obligation to pay for a car, there is good news regarding involuntary repossession. If a member of the armed forces falls behind on car payments, the Servicemembers’ Civil Relief Act (SCRA), 50 U.S.C., Section 3952, prevents a bank from involuntarily repossessing the service member’s purchased or leased vehicle or other personal property without a court order.

What does that mean? If you are

unable to make one or more car payments, a bank cannot take the car from you without an order from a court stating it may take your vehicle from you without your permission. This includes cars purchased before entering military service. The only requirement is that the service member-owner made a deposit or installment payment toward the car loan or lease before military service began.

The benefit of Section 3952 is time. If a financial emergency occurs or a service member is deployed and receives late notice of misdirected or missed payment, federal law protects against immediate repossession without a court’s approval. The service member can sue a lender who violates the SCRA involuntary repossession law. If found liable in a court of law, a reposessor without a court order is subject to criminal liability.

Get legal and financial advice

Because cars are a big monthly expense and purchase agreements are binding, it is important to chart your finances and ensure you can comfortably afford to pay for any car you buy for the length of the loan.

Remember, a voluntary repossession, though nice-sounding, does not relieve your obligation to pay; it may not even reduce your monthly payment. In an involuntary repossession situation, remember that lenders must obtain a court order, first.

If you have any questions about repossession, visit the Schofield Barracks Legal Assistance Office, 278 Aleshire Avenue. The office appointment line is 655-8607.

No appointments are required during walk-in hours on Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 1 to 330 p.m.

Bring all your documents with you, especially the purchase contract for the vehicle and any other correspondence from the lender regarding the loan.

(Editor’s note: Kemelek is a Legal Assistance attorney.)



Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com

June 5 / Monday

JUMP — The Japan-U.S. Military Program will be hosted by the Japan-America Society of Hawaii on June 5 from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Hale Koa Hotel’s Waikiki Ballroom.

JUMP connects past and present service members, families and government civilians who have served in Japan. There is no cost to attend.

Register at <http://jashawaii.org/rsvpmaker/japan-us-military-program-2017-06-05>. Openings are on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking with full validation will be available at the Hale Koa parking structure.

If there are no openings, email admindir@jashawaii.org

jashawaii.org or call 469-4641 in order to be placed on a waitlist.

Retirement Video — The Office of Personnel Management, or OPM, has a new video to help educate employees about their annuity benefits under the two most common federal retirement systems: the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS).

The video will help CSRS and FERS employees understand the process. The 51-minute video is available at www.opm.gov/RetirementOverview.

7 / Wednesday


AHFSE — U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii will be conducting an All Hazards Full-Scale Exercise (AHFSE) on June 7-8. The AHFSE will involve the following specific incidents to test first responders and the Emergency Operations Center in real-world emergency situations:

- June 7 - A Vehicle

Borne Improvised Explosive Device and an Active Shooter/Hostage Situation at Fort Shafter Flats. There will be a short closure of Fort Shafter and Fort Shafter Flats access control gates followed by a temporary increase in FPCON measures at Fort Shafter and Fort Shafter Flats. A Hazardous Chemical release will also occur at Area X Schofield Barracks.

- June 8 - Mass casualties from hurricane winds/debris. There will be displaced personnel whose homes are damaged by hurricane winds at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter. Casualties will be triaged and transported to the nearest medical facility using MEDEVAC helicopters, ambulances and litter buses. Family Assistance Centers and shelters will also be established at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter.

Temporary traffic delays, Military Police vehicles, fire engines, litter buses and ambulances will be on the roadways in North and South Oahu.



Advisories from Army and Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) sources. Provides traffic, construction and outage information.

(Note: Times and locations of outages are a best guess. Field conditions may extend the locations and time needed.)

June 3 / Saturday

WAAF Power Outages — Wheeler Army Airfield will experience a power outage on June 3 from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. This outage is required to support Hawaiian Electric Company electrical upgrades on WAAF, East Range and the Golf Course.

The Directorate of Public Works is referring customers to the following for rental generators:

- Generators Hawaii: Tiny, (808) 259-6528.
- Cummins West: John Miranda, (808) 628-6224.

Schofield Barracks

Power Outage — An electrical outage will impact a small portion of Schofield Barracks this Saturday, June 3, from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. The following areas are impacted:

- Lyman Child Development Center and
- Trailers 3046, 3048 and 3050.

This outage is required to support the Hawaiian Electric Company electrical upgrades.

5 / Monday

Lyman Road, Schofield Barracks — There will be a lane closure at Lyman Road, between Hewitt and Carpenter streets on June 5 & 6, from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The contractor will remove existing chain-link fence along Lyman Road. Cones and flag personnel will be on-site for this work.

Montgomery Drive, Fort Shafter — A partial road closure will occur at Clark Road, near Bldgs. 334 & 339, for final tie-in of the water line. Southbound traffic on Montgomery Drive, alongside the buildings will be di-

verted to Montgomery Drive from June 5-10.

The work will be performed Monday through Saturday and will occupy the one-way Montgomery Drive adjacent to Bldg. 339.

Ongoing Guardrail — Construction work to install a new guardrail fronting the child development center (CDC) playground at Aliamanu Military Reservation will take place from through July 7. Two phases of road closures are required.

In Phase 1, Bougainville Loop will be closed from its southern intersection with Kobashigawa Street to its northern intersection with the CDC parking lot entrance. It will be closed from May 31-June 16. The CDC parking lot entrance will not be closed.

In Phase 2, Bougainville Loop will be closed from its western intersection with Pohina Street to just north of its intersection with Kobashigawa Street. It will be closed from June 19-July 7.

Hurricane: Season began Thursday

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tropical cyclones. El Nino also favors more westward-tracking storms from the eastern Pacific into the central Pacific, according to NOAA.

Hurricane history
Although Hawaii has not been impacted by a major hurricane in recent years, it has seen increasingly active hurricane seasons.
In 2015, the Central Pacific Region saw 14 tropical cyclones, including eight hurricanes, according to NOAA. It was



Image courtesy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage to lives and property. Emergency service personnel urge the public to prepare now for Hawaii’s hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30.



Courtesy photo
There are resources online that can help you with hurricane preparation, such as www.ready.gov and www.redcross.org. Have a plan ready for disaster.

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed to preserve food as long as possible in case of a power outage.
- Charge cellphones and use them sparingly.
- Fill bathtubs with water.
- Tune in to weather forecasts.
- Have a plan for pets.

Resources
For more information on preparing for an emergency, visit these sites:

- myarmyonesource.com.
- www.redcross.org.
- www.fema.gov/.
- www.ready.gov.
- dod.hawaii.gov/hiema.

Other tips
In addition to staying informed, having an emergency supply kit and communicating with family members, the following steps are helpful in preparing for an emergency:

- Fill vehicles with gas.

Mattis: Secretary speaks to cadets

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to serve in the United States Army, you stand the ramparts, unapologetic, apolitical, defending our experiment in self-governance. You hold the line,” he said to cheering and applause from the cadets.
“You hold the line,” he said, “faithful to duty, confronting the nation’s foes with implacable will, knowing that if there’s a hill to climb, waiting won’t make it smaller.

“You hold the line, true to honor, living by a moral code regardless of who is watching, knowing that honor is what we give ourselves for a life of meaning.
“You hold the line, loyal to country and defending the Constitution, defending our fundamental freedoms, knowing from your challenging years here on the Hudson that loyalty only counts where there are a hundred reasons not to be.”
Remember that when the chips are down, Mattis said, “it will be the spirits of your often-rambunctious Soldiers that will provide the reservoir of courage you will need to draw upon.”
The chips were down in the freezing days before Christmas, 1944, when the Nazi army was on the attack in the Ar-

dennes, Mattis said, telling the cadets a story.
“A sergeant in a retreating tank spotted a fellow American digging a foxhole. The GI, (Private 1st Class) Martin, looked up and said to the sergeant in the tank, ‘Are you looking for a safe place?’
‘Yeah,’ the tanker answered.
‘Well, buddy,’ the private said with a drawl, ‘just pull your vehicle behind me. I’m the 82nd Airborne, and this is as far as the bastards are going.’”
The secretary added, “You are a U.S. Soldier and you hold the line.”

High expectations
The class of 2017 today joins an army that left bloody footprints at Valley Forge

and that defeated the Nazis’ last gasp at Bastogne, Mattis said.
“Your class,” he said to thunderous applause, “will be remembered for an Army football team that took to the field of friendly strife and beat Navy.”
But they will also be remembered for the history they’re about to write, Mattis said, and when they turn their troops to the next commander, those troops will be as good or better than the commanders of the West Point class of 2017.
“I have very high expectations of you. Your country has very high expectations of you. And we are confident you will not let us down because, while we may not know you personally, we do know your character – West Point character.”

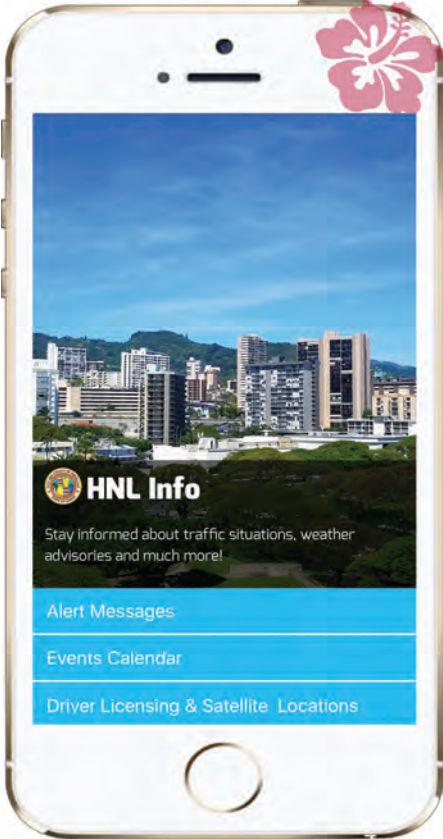


Image courtesy of City and County of Honolulu
The new HNL Info app – available for free in the App Store or in Google Play – replaces the Nixle notification program and provides up-to-date alerts from around Oahu. For more information, visit <https://hnl.info/alerts/publicmessages.php>.

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii continues to use Nixle and the AtHoc program to notify Soldiers, family members and civilians of alerts.

Army gets its first Islamic division chaplain

PAMELA KULOKAS
Army News Service

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Washington — Lt. Col. Khallid Shabazz, the former I Corps deputy chaplain, became the Army’s first Islamic chaplain at the division level during a Change of Stole ceremony, Tuesday (May 30th), at the Lewis Main Chapel.

Shabazz became the 7th Infantry Division’s chaplain after replacing Lt. Col. Jimmy Nichols, who is headed to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to be the installation chaplain there.

Maj. Gen. Thomas James Jr., the division commander who officiated the ceremony, said the division is in good hands with Shabazz. The Army chief of chaplains selected Shabazz for the job in January based on his leadership qualities. He is charged with ensuring and supporting the free exercise of religion by service members, families and civilians.

“As simple as it sounds, I want to give people a sense of purpose,” Shabazz said. “My job is to help them be stronger on the other side of the door than when they came in.”

Shabazz, who holds a doctorate degree as well as four master’s degrees, has dedicated his life to working with service members of all religions. He grew up as a Lutheran in Louisiana and converted to Islam while serving as an enlisted Soldier.

“What has served me well is I was Christian for 28 years,” Shabazz said. “I know both sides; I want to meet people where they are. If they come in and they are struggling with faith, I am not opposed to giving them their Scripture and telling them how they can strengthen themselves.”

Shabazz explained that his goal is to give people a safe place to land when they come in to his office. Those he counsels don’t often realize he is Muslim, he said.

“My job is not to convert anybody or impose my religion on anybody,” he said. “My job is to ensure that those people are strong and resilient.”

The concept of pluralism within the Army Chaplain Corps means that the service’s spiritual leaders support all religions. The Army does not endorse any religion or religious organizations.

Spc. James Glover, a nutrition care specialist with Alpha Company, 47th Combat Support Hospital, is one Soldier who Shabazz has counseled. Glover said he worriedly asked Shabazz at the start of counseling, “You’re Muslim and I’m Christian; does that matter?”

It did not.

Glover said he sometimes forgets Shabazz is Muslim, because the chaplain doesn’t push his religion. They found common ground in Army values and in their drive to be successful.

“He helped me realize that I can do a lot of things, regardless of how hard they are,” he said. “I just have to actually try and do what I have to do.”

Showing care and compassion while helping service members succeed is Shabazz’s specialty, according to



Courtesy photos

Lt. Col. Khallid Shabazz, right, participates in a Change of Stole ceremony inside the Lewis Main Chapel at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, May 23. Shabazz, the former I Corps deputy chaplain, became the chaplain for the 7th Infantry Division, making him the Army’s first Islamic chaplain at the division level.



Shabazz speaks during his Change of Stole ceremony inside the Lewis Main Chapel at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, May 23.

Sgt. Maj. Elian Strachan, the chief chaplain assistant at I Corps. He has known Shabazz since the two were stationed together at Fort Hood, Texas, in 2014.

“When you think about what a chaplain should be, that’s exactly what he brings,” Strachan said. “Every

problem, every issue anybody has – he makes time for them. He makes them feel like they are the only person alive right then and there.”

During Shabazz’s career, he has traveled the world as a professional military religious adviser, leader and ethics instructor. Strachan said he excels at showing people how to get along regardless of their denomination.

“Being mindful of the Islamic perspective does not make you weak; it actually makes you stronger,” he said. “That doesn’t mean a person is not a good Christian.”

The worldview Shabazz brings, coupled with his experience as a noncommissioned officer, give him a skillset rarely found in the Army Chaplain Corps. He also possesses the unique ability to identify and address the spiritual needs facing Islamic Soldiers today.

Still, Shabazz said he expects some resistance when people see the crescent moon, a symbol of Islam, and doubt his ability to serve those of other faiths.

“The transformative power of loving people, to me, it crosses all so-called faith issues,” he said. “That’s what’s most important to me. I approach every situation with that attitude and with that respect.”

(Editor’s note: Kulokas works with the “Northwest Guardian” at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.)



Photo by Jack Wiers, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs
At left, the Schofield Post Cemetery receives community members Monday for an official Memorial Day Remembrance ceremony.



Photo by Kayla Overton, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs
At right, Elizabeth Naramore, age 4, and her mother, Rachel, meet with Roy Laulusa of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 339.

Community members respond to honor the fallen

JACK WIERS
U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The annual commemoration of the fallen in defense of our nation, and the celebration of those who have served and currently serve, was easily recognizable and solemnly embraced with informal rites and formal Memorial Day ceremonies, here, at the Post Cemetery, Monday.

Col. Stephen E. Dawson, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, in his formal remarks, framed the 23-minute ceremony by emphasizing those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country.

“From those who first gave their lives at Lexington and Concord, to those who have recently fallen in Iraq and Afghanistan,” said Dawson, “... clearly the defense of freedom is costly.”

An increasing number of organizations in recent years have participated, including the Military Order of the Purple Heart, multiple Veterans of Foreign Wars posts, Disabled American Veterans and members of the Hawaii World War I Centennial Task Force. Each sent representatives to lay commemorative wreaths at the base of the Post Cemetery flagpole.

Two noteworthy anniversaries served as reminders of the lasting and enduring



Photo by Jack Wiers, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs
Brothers Colin, Jakob and Ian Ferguson of Waipio Gentry offer personal reflection Monday after participating with other youth organizations in placing flags and lei on Schofield Post Cemetery gravesites.

sacrifices made that were instrumental in shaping 20th century America. The 100th anniversary of America’s involvement in World War I was a war that made the U.S. a world power.

Fifty years ago, 1967, marked the mid-way point of the Vietnam War when U.S.

military involvement peaked.

The Vietnam War at that time polarized the nation and left returning warriors, at best, forgotten by many.

“Many of those who lived didn’t come home to cheering crowds and victory parades, but to unrest and protest,” Dawson offered in his remarks. “Today we remember, and honor, and will never forget those who 50 years ago paid the supreme sacrifice in Vietnam, and all (those) who served in that conflict.”

Community support

Earlier that morning, while gathering before dawn at the Post Cemetery, more than 200 volunteers of all ages completed their annual mission of honoring the fallen.

Members of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls and Rainbow Seniors were among the dozen or so groups who took varied roles in the Memorial Day remembrance.

During the week prior to Memorial Day, the Wahiawa Rainbow Seniors organization crafted hundreds of lei. On Monday morning, those lei and individual American flags were carefully placed on each of the 18-hundred gravesites by youth organizations.

Shaun Ferguson, retired Navy, brought his three sons to Schofield from Waipio to participate for a third year.

“Reverence and respect for those who went before you is what we try and instill in them,” said Ferguson.

“It was a good experience,” said Jenna Murphy, troop leader, whose American Heritage Girls Troop 0050, took part for a first time.

Acknowledgement

Throughout the morning, visitors of all ages made their personal pilgrimage to gravesites throughout the cemetery. The recognition of sacrifice evolved in a variety of personal ways for them.

Dawson, in his concluding comments, offered a reminder that acknowledging sacrifice and service could come in less formal ways than a national salute and ceremony on Memorial Day.

“As we all leave the cemetery today, let’s each make a special commitment to do one more thing in the days to come,” Dawson said. “Let’s reach out and shake the hand of a living hero, whether it’s someone in uniform waiting in line at the grocery checkout or a veteran standing along a parade route. Tell them you honor their service.”

“Tell them simply, ‘thanks,’” he added.



Photo by Kayla Overton, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1572 representatives Bernard Jacang and Ade Bagayes present a wreath at the base of the flagpole in honor of Soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



Photo by Kayla Overton, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs
Col. Stephen E. Dawson, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, makes remarks at the Memorial Day ceremony at Schofield Barracks, Monday.

Briefs

2 / Friday

New! Team Pacific Scramble — Quarterly team event held at Leilehua Golf Course for \$50 per person. Price includes green fee, cart fee, free driving range balls, door prizes, flight prizes, pupus and two mulligans per player. Shotgun (noon) start. Call 655-4653.

It Takes Two (For Couples) — Enhance your relationship by learning skills to improve communication at SB ACS from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Learn about expectations, problem solving techniques, forgiveness and the importance of fun and friendship. Call 655-4227.

Under the Stars — Outside movie event held at SB Tropics Recreation Center at 7 p.m. Call 655-5698.

Fourth of July Presale Tickets — Get 20 tickets for \$15, June 1-30, at SB Outdoor Recreation Center, the Leisure Travel Service office or any Army Bowling Center. This is a \$20 value. Call 655-0113.

Fourth of July Picnic and Tailgate spots — Reserve a 20 feet x 25 picnic space for \$95 or two parking stalls (20 feet x 15) for \$57 at the annual Fourth of July Spectacular held on SB Weyand Field. Spaces are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a spot, visit the SB Special Events Office located within the Art & Crafts Center (Bldg. 572) or call 655-0113.

Mini Football Registration — Parent participation program is designed for youth born 2012-2013. Fee of \$25 includes a T-shirt and ball. Call 655-6465 or 836-1923.

Public School Registration — Please register your child for school; accepted throughout the year. Call Army School Liaison Office at 655-8326.

Nagorski Pro Shop Father’s Day Special — FS Nagorski Pro Shop is celebrating Father’s Day with special pricing on select men’s golf gear. Enjoy 30 percent off men’s apparel, 20 percent off men’s hats, and 20 percent off all men’s clubs to include special orders (custom fitting available). Call 438-9587.

3 / Saturday

Adventure Kayaking 101 — Learn to kayak the Anahulu River on the North Shore with SB Outdoor Recreation Center from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. for

Blaisdell Arena. Tickets are \$50-\$150 at Ticketmaster.com.

3 / Saturday

SB Kolekole Walking-Hiking Trail — The trail is closed for hiking this weekend due to live-fire training.

Biggest Little Airshow in Hawaii — Pacific Aviation Museum, Ford Island, hosts from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Pay tribute to the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Midway, a four-day sea and air battle that was the decisive turning point of World War II in the Pacific. Call 441-1013 or 445-9069.

4 / Sunday

Keiki Sunday — Sea Life Park offers free admission for two children with any regular adult admission, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visit www.sealifeparkhawaii.com/plan-a-visit/events.

Windward Choral Society — 9th Annual Spring Concert, Requiem for the Living, will be held at the historical Kawaiaha’o Church, 957 Punchbowl St., at 4 p.m.

For more information, visit www.thewindwardchoralsociety.org/event-items/requiem-for-the-living/.

Sesame Street Live, Elmo Makes Music — Tickets for all 16 performances, July 7-9 and July 13-16, at the Blaisdell Concert Hall are on sale now. Tickets range from \$12-\$75. Group discounts include \$5 military discount. Call Blaisdell Box Office info line at (808) 768-5252.

Duran Duran — Tickets for the iconic band, whose hits include “Hungry Like a Wolf” and “Rio,” are added to Honolulu for the 2017 Summer World Tour, 7:30 p.m., Sunday July 16, at the

Calendar abbreviations

8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command

25th ID: 25th Infantry Division

ACS: Army Community Service

AFAP: Army Family Action Plan

AFTB: Army Family Team Building

AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation

ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA

BCT: Brigade Combat Team

CDC: Child Development Center

CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services

EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program

FCC: Family Child Care

FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare

and Recreation

FRG: Family Readiness Group

FS: Fort Shafter

HMR: Helemano Military Reservation

IPC: Island Palm Communities

PFC: Physical Fitness Center

SAC: School Age Center

SB: Schofield Barracks

SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills

TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center

USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific

WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield

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Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks
1700-2100
1800: Award Presentation
US Army Pacific's Best Warriors & Mana O Ke Koa Recipient
1830: Polynesian Cultural Show

Bring lawn chairs/blankets and let's celebrate!
Open to Department of Defense ID Cardholders and their guests. Family Fun event!

Local Performers

Bouncers

Pony Rides

Cultural Activities

Traditional Hawaiian Food, Carnival Eats and Adult Beverages Available for Purchase

ATM On Site

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Courtesy graphic

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Army’s birthday is June 14, and the U.S. Army in Hawaii will celebrate the Army’s 242nd birthday on June 16 from 5 to 9 p.m. with a luau on Weyand Field, here. The entertainment is free, and participants can enjoy both traditional luau and carnival food, as well as beverages for purchase. The Polynesian Cultural Center will present a great show at 6:30 p.m. followed by singers Malia Gibson and Ben Vegas.

5 / Monday

Employment Orientation — New to the island and looking for employment? This class at the SB ACS from 10-11:30 a.m. will orientate you to employment opportunities on Oahu. Learn about Spousal Preference and the Priority Placement Program for Spouses (PPP-S) seeking federal employment. Also offered is information on civilian sector opportunities, contractors, resume writing classes, career fairs and opportunities to further your career and education. Call 655-4227 to register.

Million Dollar Soldier Refresher — This training provides Soldiers with valuable financial tools at SB ACS from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Topics include saving, credit, investing and big

6 / Tuesday

Midway Youth Day — Pacific Aviation Museum partners with National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and Fish & Wildlife Service for this special event for sixth through ninth grade students. Free participation. Limited to 100 students; advance registration required. Visit www.pacificaviationmuseum.org.

8 / Thursday

Screen on the Green — Waimea Valley hosts open-air movie nights with new and classic films every Thursday evening through July 27, 7-8 p.m., after the Farmers Market on the Main Lawn. Visit www.waimeavalley.net.

9 / Friday

3rd Annual Hi Fit Expo — Hawaii’s premier fitness, health lifestyle event runs through Sunday at the NBC Exhibition Hall. Top fitness, diet, nutrition, strength and wellness products and services offered in addition to fitness classes, demonstrations and celebrity appearances. Visit hifitexpo.com/.

15 / Thursday

Brian Wilson Presents Pet Sounds — Legendary pop composer/artist continues his world tour celebrating the iconic album’s 50th anniversary

16 / Friday

Hawaii Army Museum — The annual Gen. Herbert E. Wolff Memorial Golf Tournament registration is now underway for the June 16 fundraiser at Leilehua Golf Course. Sponsored by the Hawaii Army Museum Society, the fee is \$150. Visit Hiarmymuseumsoc.org or call 941-3900.

Honolulu BBQ & Blues Festival — The Hilton Hawaiian Village hosts the spread of true southern barbecue dishes and creates one incredible evening for this second annual event, 5-9:30 p.m., on the Great Lawn. General admission (military with valid ID) is \$25. For more details and to purchase tickets, visit www.hiltonhawaiianvillage.com/bbq.

purchases. Call 655-4227 to register.

6 / Tuesday

Deadline — Registration deadline for June ACT is today. Call 655-8326.

Volunteer Management Information System 101 — Learn how to use VMIS to get involved in your military community and keep track of your service record. This class held at SB ACS from 1:30-2 p.m. and will help volunteers learn how to register for a VMIS account, search for volunteer positions and track their volunteer service hours. Call 655-4227.

Anger & Conflict Solutions — Prevention program for individuals to learn the basics of anger awareness from noon-1 p.m. at SB ACS. The class will help participants identify their own personal anger cues and ways to de-escalate conflict situations.

7 / Wednesday

AFTB Level K: “Military Knowledge” — Two-day class is held at SB NCO Academy, from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Training focuses on knowledge of military and Army programs, Army acronyms, community resources, and personal and family preparedness. Call 655-4227.

Play Mornings at ACS — Meet other moms and dads, share information and parenting tips, and give your infant/toddler a chance to interact with other children at SB ACS from 10 -11 a.m. Call 655-4227.

Organization Point of Contact VMIS Management — Every 1st Wednesday at SB ACS from 10-11:30 a.m., individuals who have been appointed VMIS OPOCs for their organization will learn about regulations surrounding Army volunteers as well as how to use VMIS to post volunteer positions, accept volunteer applications, manage organization volunteers and certify volunteer hours. Call 655-4227.

Virtual Run Day — Self-monitored/paced run allows you to choose your distance and route. Run is in support of National Run Day. Register at himwr.com or call 655-8007.

8 / Thursday

Basics of Budgeting — Learn to develop a budget, track expenses and create a system to save and pay your bills on time in this course held at SB ACS from 10-11:30 p.m. Please bring a copy of your leave and earnings statement (LES) and a list of bills. Visit <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Scream Free Parenting — Four-week program held at SB ACS from noon-1:30 p.m. Training is designed for parents of children ages 5-15 to examine parenting practices and identify ways to strengthen parenting skills and create

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This Week at the MOVIES

Sgt. Smith Theater

How to be a Latin Lover (PG-13)

Friday, June 2, 7 p.m.

Born in China (G)

Saturday, June 3, 4 p.m.

Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2 (PG-13)

Saturday, June 3, 7 p.m.

The Circle (PG-13)

Sunday, June 4, 4 p.m.

Closed Monday through Thursday.

BOE selects next superintendent for Hawaii

BOARD OF EDUCATION
State of Hawaii

HONOLULU — The State of Hawaii Board of Education has selected Christina Kishimoto, Ph.D., as the incoming superintendent to lead the Hawaii Department of Education.

After a rigorous search process that spanned several months and 92 applicants, the BOE interviewed two final candidates on May 11 before making its decision.

“Because both finalists were so highly qualified, it was a difficult decision for the board,” said BOE Chairperson Lance Mizumoto, who led the committee that conducted the search. “In the end, however, we felt that Dr. Kishimoto has the right combination of experience, knowledge and focus to implement the strategic vision for educational change set forth in the Governor’s Blueprint for Education and the BOE and HIDOE’s newly revised joint strategic plan. We invite the state to join us in welcoming Dr. Kishimoto with respect, generosity and warmth.”

From Arizona
Kishimoto signed a three-year contract and will start on Aug. 1. She will be-

gin her transition out of her current role as superintendent of the Gilbert Public Schools district in Arizona.

“It is with great excitement and honor that I accept this critical education leadership position for the State of Hawaii and the Hawaii Department of Education,” said Kishimoto. “In partnership with Chairperson Mizumoto, the Board and Gov. David Ige, I look forward to implementing a vision of excellence for all students. I look forward to working hand in hand with Hawaii’s teachers, leaders, staff, parents, community members and student leaders to execute on this vision of high quality college, career and community readiness.”

“We are excited to have someone with a track record of reducing achievement gaps and a commitment to school empowerment to lead our public school system,” stated BOE member and former HIDOE teacher and administrator Patricia Bergin. “I am confident that Dr. Kishimoto will bring fresh ideas to our system, and her strong family ties to Ha-

waii and her excitement to embrace the foundational pieces of our system, such as Na Hopena A’o, demonstrates that she understands and respects Hawaii’s uniqueness.”

University of Hawaii at Manoa’s College of Education professor and a member of the advisory group to the search committee Patricia Halagao stated, “I was impressed with Dr. Kishimoto’s focus on school design models that celebrate and sustain our diversity of language and culture. As a former public school teacher and someone who now trains teachers, I also appreciate how Dr. Kishimoto elevates teachers as educational experts and aims to create a system conducive for us to thrive and do what we do best – teach.”

Kishimoto has been the GPS superintendent since July 2014. She is recognized nationally as a visionary leader in education for her reform work in school turnaround and portfolio school development. Kishimoto earned a master’s degree in public affairs from the University of Connecticut and a doctorate from Columbia University. In June 2014, she completed two years of board service on the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, an organization focused on student-cen-

tered practices and policies.

During the selection process, the BOE conducted a thorough background check, which included civil, criminal, financial and educational verifications.


“In addition, district officials, former superintendents and other individuals in the Gilbert district were contacted,” Mizumoto said. “Various negative statements made about Dr. Kishimoto were either inconsequential or simply invalid.”

Next month, the BOE will hold a news conference to formally introduce Kishimoto as the new HIDOE superintendent.

Outgoing HIDOE Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi ends her term on June 30. The BOE plans to name an interim superintendent to serve during the transition month of July.

Hawaii BOE
The BOE formulates statewide educational policy and appoints the superintendent as the chief executive officer of the public school system.

For more information about the superintendent search and process, visit the BOE’s website at <http://boe.hawaii.gov>.



Pearl Harbor historic sites announce ‘free pass days’

Offered in celebration of armed forces birthdays

JACLYN HAWSE
Battleship Missouri Memorial

PEARL HARBOR — The Pearl Harbor Historic Sites will commemorate the official birthdays of each branch of the U.S. military by offering free pass days to active duty service members, retired service members and their dependents.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor and USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park will all offer free admission to the service members of each respective military branch on the dates listed below. A valid military ID must be presented at the Ticket and Information Booth at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center or onsite at each of the historic sites.

Service	B’day	Free Pass Days
Army	June 14	June 17 & 18
Coast Guard	Aug. 4	Aug. 5 & 6
Air Force	Sept. 18	Sept. 16 & 17
Navy	Oct. 13	Oct. 14 & 15
Marine Corps	Nov. 10	Nov. 11 & 12
National Guard	Dec. 13	Dec. 16 & 17

About the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites
Welcoming approximately 1.7 million visitors each year, the Pearl Harbor attractions include several independent historic sites – some under the purview of the U.S. National Park Service and others operated by private, nonprofit organizations. Together, and in partnership with Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, they carry forth the legacies of some of our nation’s most treasured icons.

Although Pearl Harbor is one historic

destination, there are four distinct sites to visit, each with its own story to tell. Each attraction is as compelling as the next and none that the visitor would want to miss. For more information, visit www.PearlHarborHistoricSites.org.

Battleship Missouri Memorial
Since opening in January 1999, the Battleship Missouri Memorial has attracted more than 7 million visitors from around the world with a fascinating tour experience showcasing the USS Missouri’s unique place in history.

Located a mere ship’s length from the USS Arizona Memorial, the Mighty Mo completes a historical visitor experience that begins with the “Day of Infamy” and sinking of the USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and ends with Japan’s formal surrender aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945.

The USS Missouri has had an impressive career over five decades and three wars – World War II, the Korean War and Desert Storm – after which it was decommissioned and donated to the USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc., a nonprofit organization. The Association operates the Battleship Missouri Memorial as a historic attraction and oversees her care and preservation with the support of visitors, memberships grants and donations.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June, July and August). General admission, which includes choice of an optional tour, is \$27 per adult and \$13

Free admission is offered to active duty military, retirees and dependents.

per child (4-12 years old).

Military, kama’aina (local residents) and school group pricing is available. For information or reservations, call (toll-free) 1-877-644-4896 or visit USSMissouri.org.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor
Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, opened 10 years ago, is a private, nonprofit organization that occupies the World War II hangars and control tower on Ford Island that still bear the scars as our nation’s first aviation

battlefield.

Giving visitors a front-row seat to the Pacific Theater and presenting 50 aircraft and their stories, the museum was named “one of the Top Ten Aviation Attractions” by TripAdvisor.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is \$25 per adult and \$15 per child 4-12 years old; 3 years old and under, free.

Military, kama’aina (local resident), school group and special events pricing are on the website. For more information, call 441-1000 or visit PacificAviationMuseum.org.

Tickets and a free flight simulator coupon are available online.

USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park
Adjacent to the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center, the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park, operated as a private, nonprofit organization, is dedicated to the sacrifice of more than 3,500 submarine personnel lost in World

War II. This gallant band of brothers, compromising less than 2 percent of the U.S. Navy, sank more than 5.5 million tons of enemy ships, while sustaining losses of 52 submarines that remain on eternal patrol.

The USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park is open daily from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Combined general admission to the submarine and museum is \$12 per adult and \$5 per child 4-12 years old.

Military, kama’aina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For more information, call 423-1341 or visit Bowfin.org.

World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument
The USS Arizona, USS Oklahoma and USS Utah Memorials are operated and maintained by the National Park Service as part of the recently designed World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. The three ships’ memorials honor and commemorate all members of the U.S. armed forces and civilians who gave their lives to their country during the attack on the island of Oahu and Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Visitors to the USS Arizona Memorial take a Navy launch to the memorial between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The USS Oklahoma Memorial is located on Ford Island next to the Battleship Missouri and can be accessed via the Battleship Missouri Memorial shuttle bus.

Access to the USS Utah Memorial is limited to those with military IDs.

The Pearl Harbor Visitor Center is open daily from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission and parking is free.

For more information, visit nps.gov/valr and PacificHistoricParks.org or call 954-8778.

Brotherly love and other forms of abuse are just sibling affection

First, we’d hear giggling. Then, a sharp squeal, the creak of the mattress springs, a bump on the wall, a muffled, “Ouch!” Then, more giggling.

“Kids! Knock it off!” my husband Francis would yell from his recliner.

There would be a brief moment of silence, and then the ruckus would start all over again.

I’m not sure why we were conditioned to feel agitation when we’d hear our kids – Hayden, Anna and Lilly – roughhousing when they were younger. Even though they were only playing with each other, we knew that if the giggling was allowed to continue, eventually skin would be pinched, hair would get pulled or heads would be bonked. Crying and yelling would ensue, usually accompanied by slapping, kicking and biting.

This escalation forces parents to get up from the comfort of their lounge furniture to intervene, which is annoying, especially when a good show is on TV. Better to launch a pre-emptive strike and stop the sibling interaction while it’s still in the giggling phase by yelling from the recliner.

As a child, I never understood how siblings could be the best of friends and the worst of enemies. In high school, I watched my best friend Patti and her older sister Barb viciously beat each other with hangers; they thought they hated each other’s guts. Now, with girls of my own, I understand that the violent hanger beating was all part of sisterly love.

The age gap between my brother, Tray, and me was too wide for us to be regular playmates. Essentially, my very

existence annoyed him, so he generally skipped the giggling phase of roughhousing.

When bored or agitated, Tray transformed into a predator, and I was his prey. He would launch sneak attacks like Cato in “The Pink Panther,” jumping out from dark corners to place me in headlocks and chokeholds.

After receiving a book on judo one Christmas, I often found myself being flipped over his knee on my way to my bedroom. At restaurants, Tray’s preferred method of attack was spitballs fired through drinking straws, and at church, he would pinch the sensitive area above my knee with his thumb and forefinger if he hadn’t already decimated me at church bulletin tic-tac-toe.

I would cry or whine, and my parents would ground Tray for a period of time commensurate with the volume of my complaint, which only served to fuel Tray’s motivation to torment me. This pattern went on for years.

I recall one occasion, however, when I got the upper hand.

I was stretched out on my parent’s bed after school, with my head propped on one palm, while my other hand slowly smoothed the day’s knots out of my hair with a pink plastic hairbrush.

As I gazed, half-awake, into reruns of “My Three Sons,” I had no idea that Tray had crawled commando-style into the



My three kids – Hayden, Anna and Lilly – are roughhousing when we are at Naval Station Mayport in 2011.

room on his stomach and was crouched silently on the floor. Just as Uncle Charlie was about to give dating advice to Chip, Tray popped up between my face and the television and blurted, “BOO!”

Stunned, animal instinct took over. I whipped the pink plastic hairbrush in the direction of Tray’s face. He yelped as his hands flew to his nose. He saw blood.

Tray glared at me with utter vengeance. I scrambled into a defensive posture as he leaped onto the bed. Kneeling over me, he raised one hand into the air, in a tight fist, with the middle knuckle protruding slightly for maximum point of impact pain.

WHAM! His knuckle hit the center of my thigh.

I walked with a slight limp for the next couple of weeks, but it was worth it, knowing I had finally given my big brother a dose of his own medicine.

Sibling rivalry, brotherly love or aggravated assault – whatever you call it, roughhousing is a normal part of being brothers and sisters. As long as parents don’t encourage mortal combat by supplying their children with books on judo or hard plastic hairbrushes, we can all sit back and relax in our lounge furniture, secure in the knowledge that what doesn’t kill them will only make them stronger.

‘Broncos’ resume annual remembrance run

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, “Broncos,” 25th Infantry Division, gave remembrance to the Soldiers who gave all during a memorial run held, here, on May 25.

“Based on this solemn occasion, this yearly event on Memorial Day,” said Col. Robert Ryan, commander, 3rd BCT, 25th ID, “we can have a moment of reflection and opportunity to think about those that served.”

The brigade formed at the early dawn hour at Weyand Field. After the Bronco Soldiers saluted the flag during morning reveille, the individual battalions took off running at prescribed intervals.

“We’ll probably discover some new sites inside of our own brigade footprint that memorialized the service of others,” Ryan said to the Soldiers. “Then, along the route, they’ll be spots of remembrance for us to run by and reflect. This is an event to build esprit. It’s about reflection.”



Soldiers assigned to the 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, “Broncos,” 25th ID, run past Desiderio Field during the Bronco Memorial Run at Schofield Barracks, Sunday. Capt. Reginald B. Desiderio was a company commander assigned to the 27th Inf. Regt. in 1950, and he earned the Medal of Honor during the Korean War.

The battalions ran around the brigade footprint on post, stopping to visit at each individual memorial and monument to the fallen Soldiers in the brigade.

Chaplain (Maj.) Scott F. Kennaugh, brigade chaplain, 3rd BCT, 25th ID, expressed the spirit of the memorial run during his invocation prayer.

“As we remember their service, we

remember their sacrifice. We remember those who gave the last full measure of devotion,” Kennaugh said.

Daniel Wilson, a retired lieutenant colonel, former commander of 2nd Battalion, 27th Inf. Regiment, 3rd BCT, 25th ID, and president of the Bronco Memorial Association, ran with the 3,000 Soldier-strong formation.

“Right now we have about 10 Bronco veterans from all different units and all different deployments that make up the Bronco Memorial Association,” Wilson said. “I’m just a Bronco who served seven years in this brigade, three combat deployments, so I kind of consider it my duty to remember the fallen.

“I appreciate the brigade for doing this,” he continued. “Next year we hope to have a fundraiser, because we’re talking about improvements we can do for the memorial. I would say you can always donate to the Bronco Memorial Association Fund.”

He expressed a desire for the realization for improvements for the brigade memorial.

“I really appreciate the brigade for doing this today, and I really enjoyed it,” he said.

HAWAII MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Photos courtesy of David Livingston
HONOLULU — Maj. Gen. Arthur J. Logan, above, the adjutant general of the Hawaii Army National Guard, offers remarks during a ceremony at Fort DeRussy. The ceremony preceded the Hawaii Memorial Day Parade.

The parade, which took place in Waikiki, honored Vietnam veterans on the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. It also commemorated the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The 75th anniversary of the attack was 2016.

Upper left — Soldiers march through Waikiki during the Hawaii Memorial Day Parade, Saturday.

Left — A joint color guard marches through Waikiki during the Hawaii Memorial Day Parade.

There is a need for team players and role models

CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) SCOTT F. KENNAUGH
3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team
25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The poster was cool, but I had to read it twice. The message was simple, but it caught me off guard.

It was an athletic face with an intense gaze, shaded in the background, with a glow of light to highlight his features. The phrase was just five words, but the message was shattering: “Be Your Own Role Model.”

Sports stars are easy to look up to; they have always been role models for the rest of us who dream of exciting performances and amazing highlight reels. But in the post-game interview, the star always says, “We played great today. I’ve got to hand it to these guys.”

If anyone comes out and acknowledges their own greatness, we brand them an egotist, and the social media trolls will swiftly post every clip of past failures the archives can cough up.

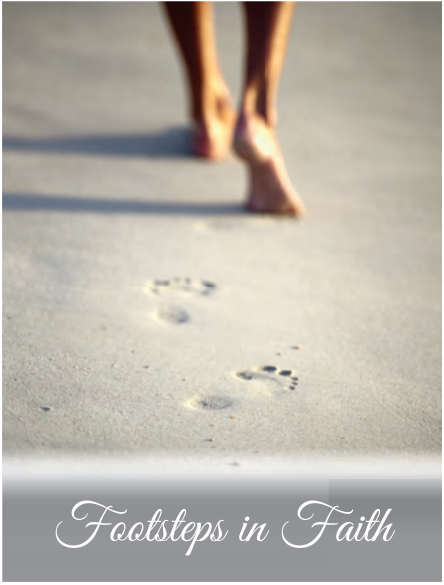


Kennaugh

When you ask a star about their motivation, they’ll point to someone before them whom they admired: their role model. Maybe it’s a single player or maybe a team from a specific year, but they draw motivation and inspiration from someone beyond themselves. If they could do it, then I could, too!

We are made to be on teams, to be in communities, to support and motivate and inspire each other. We definitely need to be connected in a place like Hawaii, where we are thousands of miles from home and family, and where we can feel alone on an island with a million other people.

That’s why the message on the poster startled me – because it tried to make it cool to be alone and not need anyone.



Those five words made it look chic to not need to be on a team, not need anyone to look up to, and not need anyone to look up to you.

Let me be the first to tell you this poster is lying.

In my brigade, I always stress to our Soldiers the importance of building connections here. This is an opportunity to invest in yourself, in your professional growth, in your spiritual growth and in new relationships in the community.

The old verse about “bad company corrupting good character” is as true today as it was back then. Role models are just as important, too. I think of a preacher like the apostle Paul who called the believers to follow him as he followed Jesus.

We need to learn from each other and to support each other. We also need to be the kind of people others can lean on and learn from; it goes in both directions.

Forget being “your own role model” because that only shatters community. Instead, I’ll ask you these questions to build our community: “Who is your role model?” and “Whose role model are you?”



Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at <https://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/rso/USARHAW%20Chapel%20Services.pdf>.

AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation

Chapel
FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
HMR: Helemano Chapel
MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
SC: Soldiers’ Chapel, SB
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services
•First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
•Last Wednesday, 6 p.m. at MPC

Catholic Mass
•Monday-Wednesday, 11:45 a.m. at Soldiers’ Chapel
•Thursday, 11:45 a.m. at AMR
•Wednesday, 5 p.m. at MPC
•Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC
•Sunday services:
-8:30 a.m. at AMR
-10:30 a.m. at MPC
-11 a.m. at TAMC

Gospel Worship
•Sunday, noon at MPC
•Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic
•Friday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR (Call 477-7647)

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)
•Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH (473-3971)

Protestant Worship
•Sunday Services
-9 a.m. at MPC (Contemporary)
-9 a.m. at FD
-9 a.m. at TAMC
-10 a.m. at HMR (Contemporary)
-10:30 a.m. at AMR (Contemporary)
-11 a.m. at WAAF (Contemporary)

Tripler celebrates cancer survivors

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Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

HONOLULU — The Tripler Army Medical Center’s Oncology Clinic has a vibrant cancer survivor population, and its staff members are committed to improving the lives of cancer patients. For National Cancer Survivors Day, observed on June 4, TAMC celebrates cancer survivors and the progress medical researchers have made to improve cancer survival rates over the years. National Cancer Survivors Day is a time to celebrate life and raise awareness of the challenges faced by cancer survivors.

According to the literature review, “Expressive Art Therapy in Oncology Patients’ Journey,” cancer patients experience various psychosocial challenges due to their illness. Additionally, when a patient’s internal feelings are inexpressible with words, their stress and anxiety increases.

In 2007, Tripler’s Oncology Clinic hosted its first annual “Oncology on Canvas” event to offer everyone affected by cancer an opportunity to share their cancer journey through art and personal narratives. This year Tripler hosted the 11th annual “Oncology on Canvas” event for over 300 patients and family members. The art exhibit is currently displayed at Tripler’s medical library through June 16.

Tripler’s Oncology Clinic also participates in clinical trials with local and national cancer research groups, such as the Cancer Research Center at the University of Hawaii, Tripler’s partner school.

“Tripler has participated in a number of clinical trials throughout the years,” said Dr. Jeffrey Berenberg, a hematologist-oncologist at Tripler. “One



Tripler Army Medical Center photo
Joshua Thompson (left), Abigail Steinke (right) and Cindy Kaneshiro (center), Tripler registered nurses, and Jacquelyn Mitchell, Tripler advanced oncology clinical nurse specialist, work in the radiation room at Tripler’s Oncology Clinic.

trial we are currently working on with a national group, that is particularly relevant to our active duty population, is called the EROS trial (Engendering Reproductive Health within Oncologic Survivorship). This trial looks at the impact of cancer therapy on fertility and the sexual function of premenopausal women who are diagnosed with cancer.

“When many women are treated, they become infertile,” Berenberg added, “and we are looking to see what their fertility concerns are and how it

affects their quality of life. This trial is specifically helping to contribute to the knowledge base (of cancer research).”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overall cancer death rates continue to decline, resulting in more cancer survivors than ever before.

A local resource for breast cancer survivors is the Breast Cancer Support Group facilitated a by registered nurse, breast health educator and breast cancer navigator for the Naval Health Clinic-Hawaii, Mary P. Johnson.

“I created the group because there is no greater way to offer support to the survivors than to bring them together to help each other,” said Johnson. “The group is open to all military active duty members, dependents and retirees who have had a diagnosis of breast cancer.

“Unlike other support groups, ours is about helping the unique military members, dependents and retirees through the cancer journey,” she added. “Military members have the added stress of deployments, duty schedules, moves, children’s reactions, separation and concern for their jobs to name a few.

“The military culture is different, and the survivors understand what each other are going through. They not only have a breast cancer diagnosis but they have the life of a military member, spouse, etc.,” she explained.

Point of Contact
For more information on cancer survivorship, contact your primary care manager a 433-2778. For more details regarding Naval Health Clinic-Hawaii’s breast cancer support group, call 473-1880.

Are you moving? Toss unwanted or expired meds

TRICARE
News Release

Many service members and their families are gearing up to move this summer as peak PCS season is May through August each year.

As you organize your house and belongings to prepare for your move, one area of your home you shouldn’t overlook is your medicine cabinet.

Now is the perfect time to get rid of items that are expired or no longer needed. With the Military Health System Drug Take Back program, you can safely and easily dispose of unwanted and expired medications at U.S. military pharmacies.

Two options for safe drug disposal
There are two free options for beneficiaries to safely dispose of prescription and over-the-counter drugs safely.

Drop off old or expired drugs in secure collection boxes at military pharmacies or send them by mail in a special envelope available at the military pharmacy.

To find out which Drug Tack Back option your pharmacy has, contact your military hospital or clinic.

Accepted and non-accepted drugs
As you go through your medicine cabinet, you’ll want to know what the pharmacy accepts and what it doesn’t. Accepted drugs through the Drug Take Back program include the following:

- Prescription drugs,
- Over-the-counter drugs,
- Pills,
- Tablets,



Courtesy photo
Participate in the Military Health System Drug Take Back program to get rid of your unwanted and expired medications.

- Capsules,
- Ointments,
- Creams,
- Lotions,
- Powders, and
- Liquid medicines (no more than 4 ounces).

For other items you want to toss, dispose of them properly by following other safe disposal options. The Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration provide guidance for how to dispose of items not accepted through military pharmacies.

Benefits of safe drug disposal
Removing medications from your home helps prevent accidental drug misuse and drug abuse by family members and visitors to your home.

More than 60,000 children in the U.S. go to the emergency room every year for accidentally swallowing medications. Over 70 percent of prescription pain drug abuse involves drugs obtained from a friend or relative.

Getting rid of unused drugs keeps them out of the hands of children and others. The National Institute on Drug Abuse provides more drug facts.

Another important reason for practicing safe drug disposal is that it reduces the amount of chemicals that can get into the environment. Flushing unused drugs down the toilet is not encouraged. Unwanted drugs can get into drinking water systems and landfills if not disposed of properly.

Practicing good drug disposal habits benefits you, your family and your community. If your medicine cabinet is full of expired or unneeded drugs, participate in a Drug Take Back option near you.

While moving season is an easy time to do it, you can safely dispose of unwanted drugs year-round.

More Online
For more information on how to safely dispose of drugs through the Drug Take Back program, visit TRICARE.mil.

TAMC
Safety during vacation

Summer brings a lot of fun and a lot of health and safety challenges.

Take a few minutes to be safe and healthy.

- Use U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets on the water.
- Put on sunscreen and a wide-brimmed hat to protect your skin from the sun.
- Drink plenty of water – even if you don’t feel thirsty.
- Put on insect repellent.
- Wash your hands often.

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healthy relationships. Call 655-4227.

9 / Friday
Parenting 101 — Take your parenting to the next level. Discover current “best practices” and learn tips and tools to assist you in reaching your parenting goals at the SB ACS from noon-1 p.m. Call 655-4227 to register.

Resume Workshop — Learn how to create a resume for the first time or update your resume for the private sector from 10 a.m-2 p.m. at SB ACS. Choose the best format to demonstrate your experience and skills. Target your resume to the job you are seeking and effectively summarize your accomplishments. To register, call 655-4227.

Coffee Talk — Hang out with EFMP at the Green World Coffee Farm from 10-11 a.m. and meet other families enrolled in the program. Call 655-4227.

Paint and Sip — Paint a picture on canvas at SB Tropics from 7-9 p.m. while sipping your beverage of choice for \$35. Class includes all painting supplies and instruction. Preregistration is required. Call 655-5698.

Family Child Care — Attend the new applicant briefing at the SB FCC office at 9 a.m. Call 655-0747.

Fish Fry Day — Shrimp, two kinds of fish, calamari hush puppies and crab at the FS Hale Ikena from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 438-1974.

10 / Saturday
Adventure Mountain Bike Level 1 — Join SB Outdoor Recreation at 8:30 a.m. for \$30 per person for Beginner Mountain Biking to Kaena Point. Transportation, instruction and equipment provided. Call 655-9047.

Ongoing

Kindergarten Registration — Now open at all public schools. If your child will be 5 years old by July 31, 2017, register him or her for kindergarten. Call 655-8326.

Youth Sports and Fitness Track and Field — Registration is underway for youth born on/or between 1999-2010 – with no exceptions. Call 655-6465 or 836-1923.

Preschool Story Time — Attend every Tuesday for stories, songs, dancing and a craft at 10 a.m. at FS Library. Call 438-9521.